

Scale and Anal Plate Characteristics for Maryland's Snakes

Species	Scales			Anal Plate	
	Smooth	Keeled	Weakly Keeled	Divided	Single
Northern Watersnake		X		X	
Red-bellied Watersnake		X		X	
Queen Snake		X		X	
Northern Brownsnake		X		X	
Common Ribbonsnake		X			X
Eastern Gartersnake		X			X
*Eastern Smooth Earthsnake	X			X	
Mountain Earthsnake			X	X	
Eastern Hog-nosed Snake		X		X	
Northern Ring-necked Snake	X			X	
Southern Ring-necked Snake	X			X	
Eastern Wormsnake	X			X	
**Common Rainbowsnake	X			X	X
Northern Black Racer	X			X	
Northern Rough Greensnake		X		X	
Smooth Greensnake	X			X	
Eastern Ratsnake			X	X	
Red Cornsnake			X	X	
Eastern Kingsnake	X				X
Eastern Milksnake	X				X
Coastal Plain Milksnake	X				X
Mole Kingsnake	X				X
Northern Scarletsnake	X				X
Northern Pinesnake	X				X
Northern Red-bellied Snake	X			X	
Timber Rattlesnake		X			X
Northern/Southern Copperhead		X			X

* Faint keels are present on the back above the cloacal region.

**Supra-anal scales may be keeled in some individuals. Anal plate is usually divided but may be single in some individuals.